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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior listings.

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A valve assembly, comprising:  
a valve body which defines a longitudinal axis, said valve body having a top portion, and  
a bottom portion and a groove proximate the top portion;  
a top plate disposed at the top portion engageable with said groove;  
a bottom plate disposed at the bottom portion along said valve body; and  
an adjustment member disposed between the top plate and engaged with the bottom plate,  
wherein movement of the adjustment member changes a relative axial position  
distance between the top plate and the bottom plate.
2. (CANCELED)
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The valve assembly of claim 1, wherein at least one  
of the valve body, the top plate, and the bottom plate restrict rotational movement when the  
adjustment member changes the relative axial position of the top plate and the bottom plate.
4. (ORIGINAL) The valve assembly of claim 3, wherein the valve body has a  
double-D cross section and the top plate and bottom plate each have a double-D opening to  
accommodate the valve body.
5. (ORIGINAL) The valve assembly of claim 1, wherein the adjustment member  
comprises a tool mating portion.
6. (ORIGINAL) The valve assembly of claim 5, wherein the tool mating portion is a  
slot that accommodates a screwdriver.

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7. (ORIGINAL) The valve assembly of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the adjustment member and the bottom plate is threaded, and wherein the threaded portions of the adjustment member and the bottom plate engage.

8-13. (CANCELED)

14. (NEW) The valve assembly of claim 1, wherein the top plate has an opening adjacent a tool opening to expose the tool mating surfaces when the top plate is in a first rotational position within the groove.

15. (NEW) The valve assembly of claim 2, wherein the top plate is axially movable along said valve body when the top plate is in a second rotational position.

16. (NEW) The valve assembly of claim 1, wherein the top plate has an opening which corresponds to a cross-section of the valve body, the valve body having a non-circular cross-section.

17. (NEW) The valve assembly of claim 1, wherein the valve body has a double-D cross section and the top plate and bottom plate each have a double-D opening to accommodate the valve body to prevent relative rotation therebetween except when said top plate is received within said groove.

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18. (NEW) A valve assembly, comprising:  
a valve body which defines a longitudinal axis, said valve body having a non-circular cross-section and a groove;  
a top plate having a tool opening adjacent an opening which corresponds to said a non-circular cross-section, said top plate having a tool opening adjacent said opening to expose a tool mating surfaces when said top plate is in a first rotational position in which said top plate is axially locked within said groove;  
a bottom plate disposed along said valve body; and  
an adjustment member engageable with said bottom plate, said adjustment member defining said tool mating surface, a relative axial distance between said top plate and said bottom plate adjustable in response rotation of said adjustment member.
19. (NEW) The valve assembly of claim 18, wherein said opening is contiguous with said tool opening.
20. (NEW) The valve assembly of claim 18, wherein said top plate is axially movable along said valve body when said top plate is in a second rotational position.
21. (NEW) The valve assembly of claim 18, wherein said bottom plate includes an opening which corresponds to said a non-circular cross-section, said bottom plate axially movable along said valve body.
22. (NEW) The valve assembly of claim 21, wherein said bottom plate includes a multitude of fastener openings.
23. (NEW) The valve assembly of claim 21, wherein said bottom plate includes a screw opening.

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24. (NEW) The valve assembly of claim 18, wherein said non-circular cross section defines a double-D cross section and said top plate and said bottom plate each have a double-D opening to accommodate said valve body to prevent relative rotation therebetween except when said top plate is received within said groove.

25. (NEW) The valve assembly of claim 18, wherein said adjustment member defines a second axis parallel to said longitudinal axis.

26. (NEW) The valve assembly of claim 25, wherein said valve body includes a channel within which said adjustment member is at least partially received.

27. (NEW) The valve assembly of claim 26, wherein said channel is located within a flat defined by said valve body cross section.

28. (NEW) The valve assembly of claim 28, wherein said flat defines a portion of said valve body a double-D cross section.

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29. (NEW) A method of installing a valve assembly comprising the steps of:
- (A) installing a valve assembly through an opening in a deck from a bottom side of the deck;
  - (B) installing a top plate onto the valve assembly;
  - (C) rotating the top plate within a groove in the valve assembly to align a tool opening in the top plate with a tool mating surface of an adjustment member;
  - (D) rotating the adjustment member to reduce an axial distance between the top plate and a bottom plate to trap the deck therebetween.
30. (NEW) A method as recited in claim 29, wherein said step (C) further comprises:
- (a) rotating the top plate within the groove to axially lock the top plate to the valve assembly.
31. (NEW) A method as recited in claim 29, wherein said step (D) further comprises:
- (a) threading the adjustment member through the bottom plate.

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32. (NEW) A method of installing a valve assembly comprising the steps of:
- (A) attaching a bottom plate of a valve assembly to a base of a deck;
  - (B) building the deck around the valve assembly;
  - (C) installing a top plate onto the valve assembly;
  - (D) rotating the top plate within a groove in the valve assembly to align a tool opening in the top plate with a tool mating surface of an adjustment member; and
  - (E) rotating the adjustment member to reduce an axial distance between the top plate and a bottom plate to trap the deck therebetween.
33. (NEW) A method as recited in claim 32, wherein said step (A) further comprises:
- (a) screwing the bottom plate of the valve assembly to the base.
34. (NEW) A method as recited in claim 32, wherein said step (C) further comprises:
- (a) cutting a tubular guide away from the valve assembly after said step (B).
35. (NEW) A method as recited in claim 32, wherein said step (E) further comprises:
- (a) rotating the adjustment member to react an end of the adjustment member against a radial flange which extends from said valve assembly; and
  - (b) drawing the valve assembly downward through the bottom plate until the top plate contacts a top surface of the deck.
36. (NEW) A method as recited in claim 32, wherein said step (B) further comprises:
- (a) installing an underlayment and tile layer onto the base.

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

These drawings replace the previously filed drawings. No new matter has been added.

Figure 1A has been amended to correspond to Figures 2 and 3.

Figures 1B and 1C have been added.

Figures 2 and 3 have been amended to include additional reference numerals.